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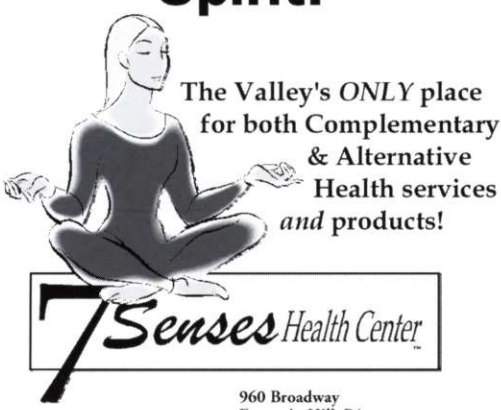

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Yours in Pride,

Bren Hoelman
President

Pride of the Lehigh Valley

Pride of the Lehigh Valley's Mission is the advancement of GLBT rights and pride through community outreach, to be achieved through events and activities aimed at:

- Raising community awareness and understanding by increasing the positive visibility of GLBT people throughout the Lehigh Valley.
- Celebrating the contributions of GLBT persons on art, music, literature, film, religion, education, history, family life sports and community activities.
- Promoting community resources available to GLBT people in the Lehigh Valley.
- Celebrating the diversity and encouraging unity within the GLBT community.
- Creating a positive atmosphere in which people will be encouraged to "come out" so each person may realize their full potential as a GLBT person.

Pride was formed in 1993 by a small group of Lehigh Valley residents. Inspired while attending a civil rights march in Washington, D.C., they saw the need to provide a much-needed positive and welcoming atmosphere for Lehigh Valley lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people everywhere.

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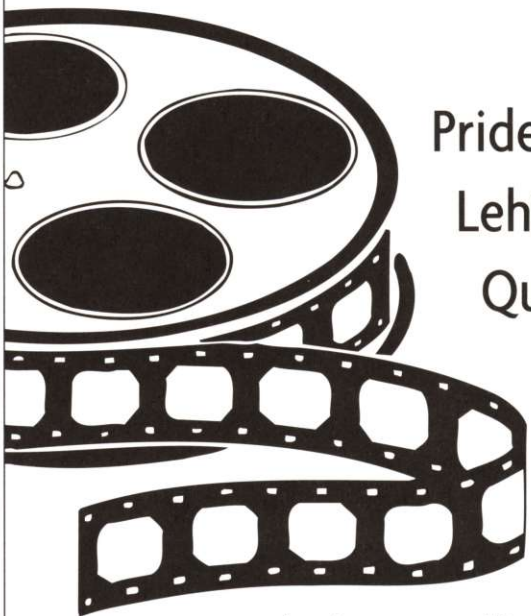

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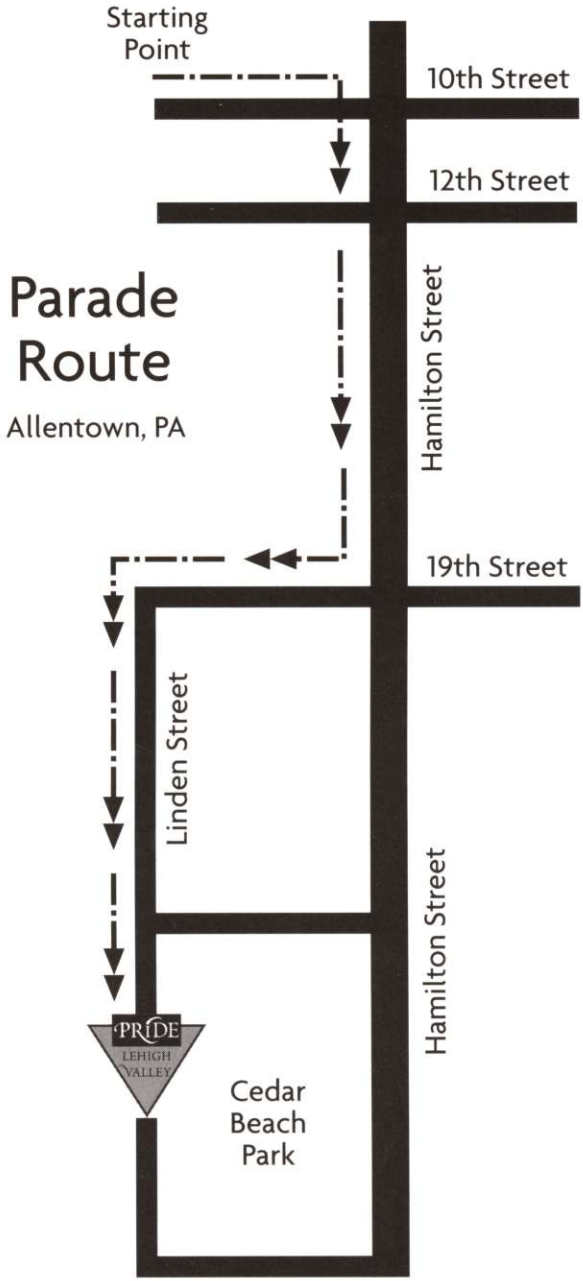
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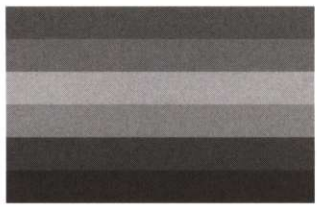
Pride symbols not only serve as a way for GLBT persons to show our pride, but also as a way for GLBT persons to identify themselves to other GLBT persons. The following are some brief histories of some of the more well known GLBT symbols: the rainbow flag, the pink triangle, the freedom rings, the lambda, the gender symbols and the red ribbon.

The Rainbow Flag

The rainbow flag is the most commonly used and recognized GLBT pride symbol. The colors represent:



Red for life
Orange for healing
Yellow for the sun
Green for nature
Blue for art
Violet for spirit

Gilbert Baker in San Francisco created the rainbow flag in 1978. Originally there were 8 colors, all of which were assigned a meaning by Baker. When he approached a flag company about mass-producing the flag he was told that "hot pink" was not available commercially. (Pink to stand for sexuality.) So the flag had to be reduced to 7 colors.

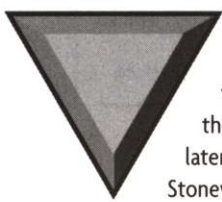
In November 1978, San Francisco's first openly gay supervisor was assassinated. In memory and in hope that this kind of hate crime would never be repeated, the Pride Parade of 1979 was planned in order to show the strength and sheer numbers of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender population in San Francisco. The parade committee decided to use Baker's flag, but they only wanted a 6-color version so that 3 colors could be on each side of the street. As a result, the indigo stripe was also removed which created the 6 stripe flag that we know as the rainbow flag today. (Indigo to stand for harmony.)

The rainbow flag is now recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers as a valid flag representation of the GLBT community.

The Pink Triangle

"Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it!"

Perhaps the second most commonly used and recognized pride symbol is the pink triangle. It is also the saddest. The pink triangle was first used by the Nazis in the concentration camps to mark gay men who were convicted of a sex crime, namely homosexuality. Gay men in Nazi death camps were required to wear Pink Triangles, with one tip pointed down, on their uniforms to identify them for special abuse. The pink triangle was later reclaimed as a symbol of empowerment in the 1980's by post-Stonewall gay rights activists.



The Pink Triangle is now used as a gay identification symbol as well as a reminder of oppression and is now commonly used to represent the *entire* GLBT community.

The Freedom Rings

Freedom Rings, designed by David Spada with the Rainbow Flag in mind, are six colored aluminum rings. They have come to symbolize independence and tolerance of others. Freedom rings are frequently worn as necklaces, bracelets, rings, and key chains. Recently, Freedom Triangles have emerged as a popular alternative to the rings, though the meaning remains the same.

The Lambda

"The lowercase Greek letter, lambda, carries several meanings. First of all, it represents scales, and thus balance. The Greeks considered balance to be the constant adjustment necessary to keep opposing forces from overcoming each other. The hook at the bottom of the right leg of the lambda represents the action required to reach and maintain balance. To the Spartans, the lambda meant unity. They felt that society should never infringe on anyone's individuality and freedom. The Romans adopted the letter to represent "the light of knowledge shed into the darkness of ignorance". Finally, in physics, the symbol designates an energy exchange. Thus the lambda, with all its meanings, is an especially apt symbol for the gay liberation movement, which energetically seeks a balance in society and which strives through enlightenment to secure equal rights for homosexual people."

The Lambda was first chosen as a gay symbol when it was adopted in 1970 by the New York Gay Activists Alliance. Tom Doerr, a member, suggested the Greek letter because of its scientific use to represent kinetic potential. It became the symbol of their growing movement of gay liberation. In 1974 the Lambda was subsequently adopted by the International Gay Rights Congress held in Edinburgh, Scotland as their symbol for lesbian and gay rights. The Lambda has become internationally popular.

The Gender Symbols

The gender symbols were originally common astrological signs coming from Roman times. The interlocking male symbols have been used since the 1970's as a symbol of pride for gay men. The interlocking female symbols are used as a lesbian pride symbol. Some feminists also use the double female symbol (one ring with two crosses) as a symbol of sisterhood among women.

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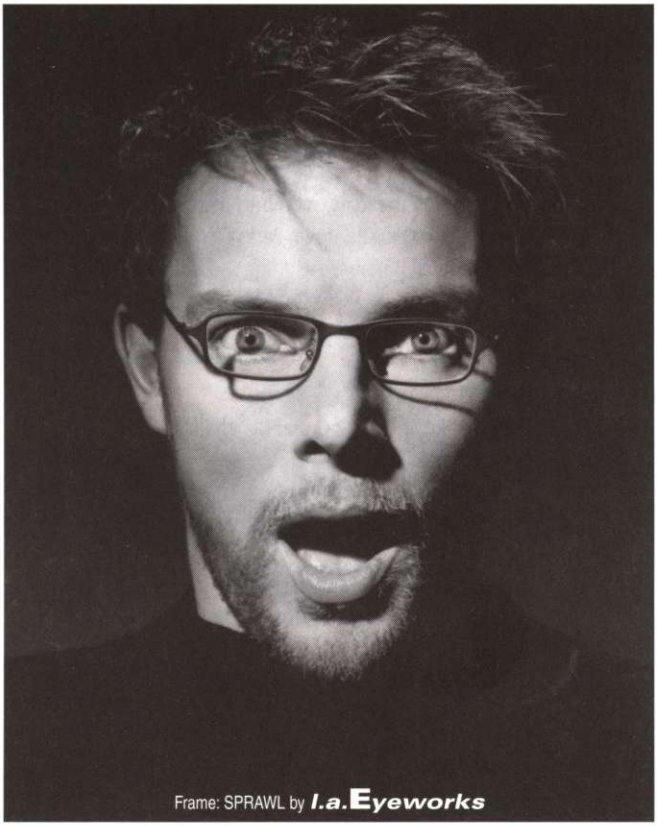

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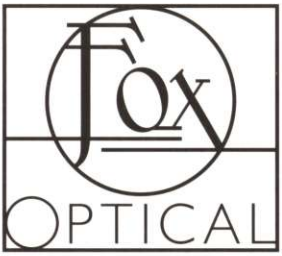

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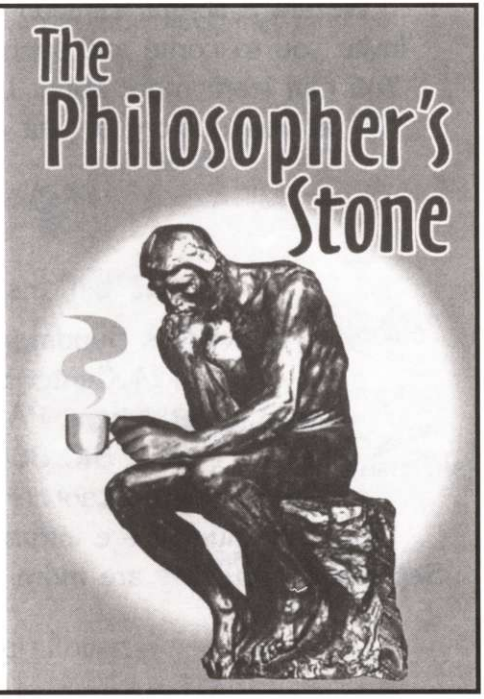

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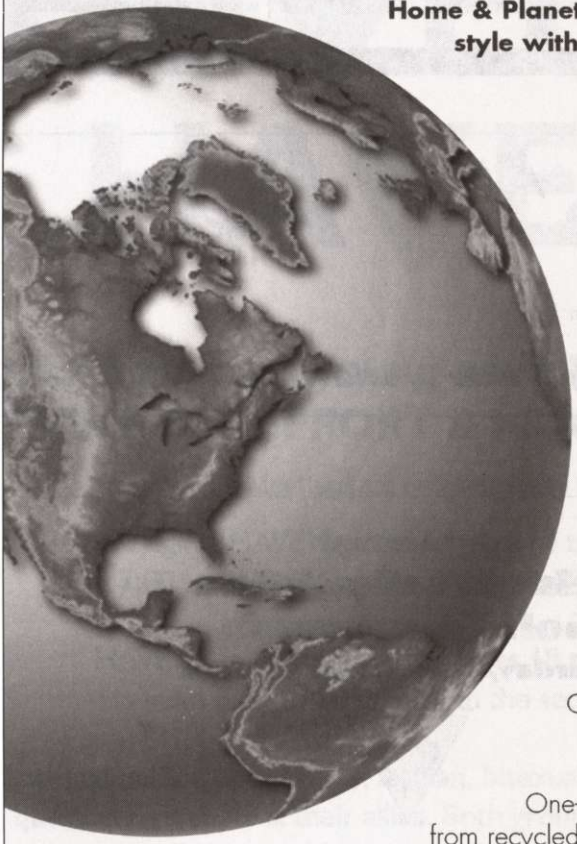

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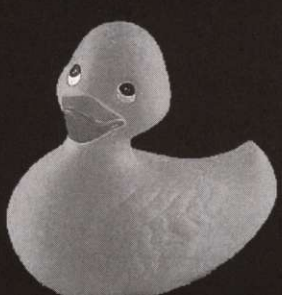

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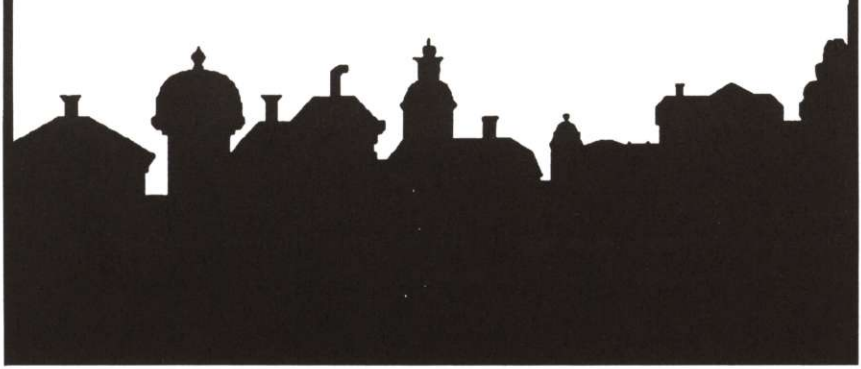

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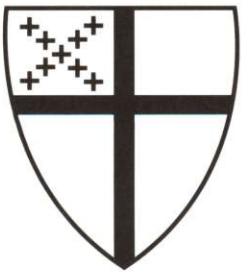

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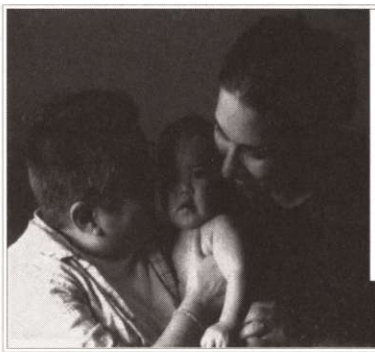

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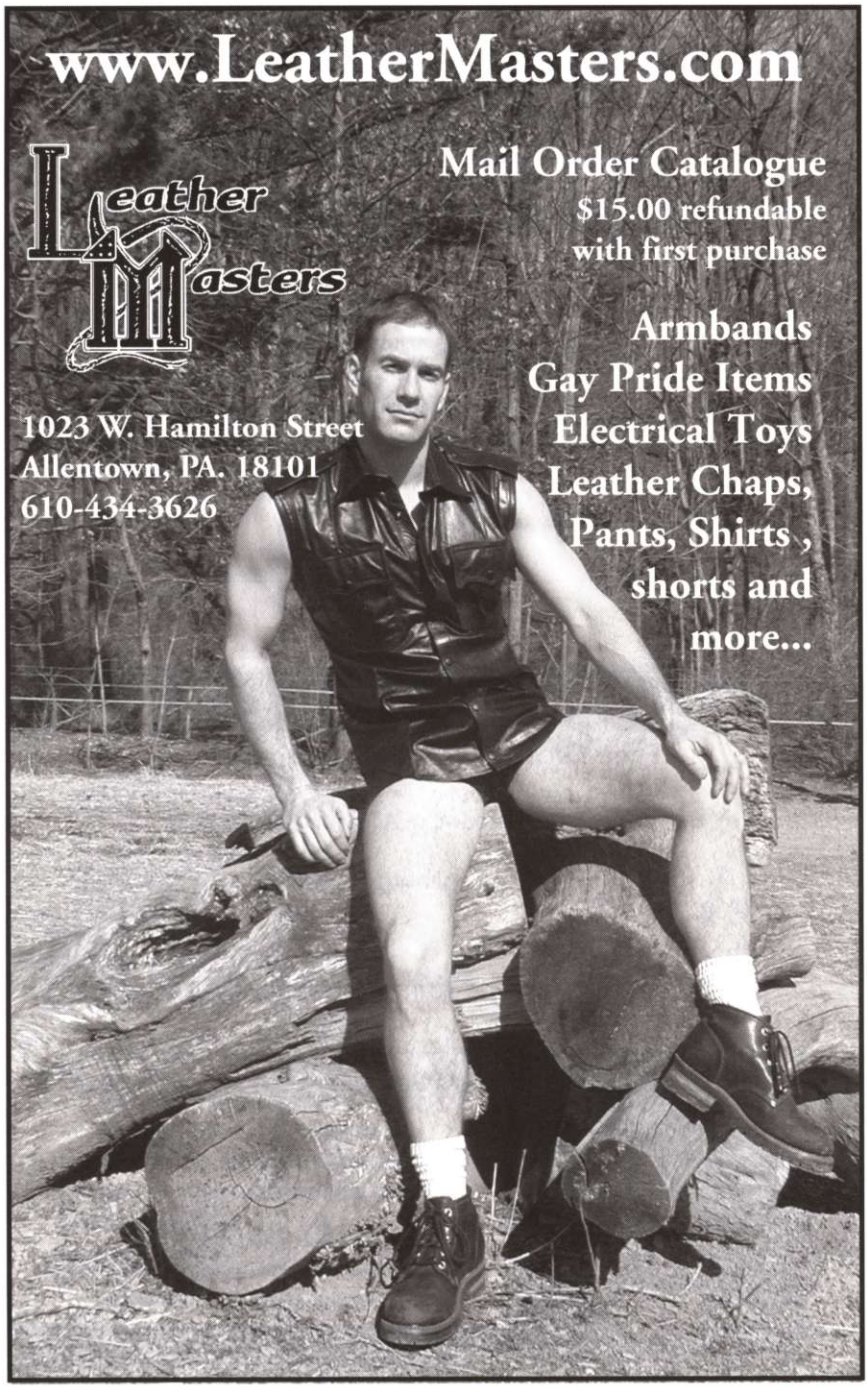
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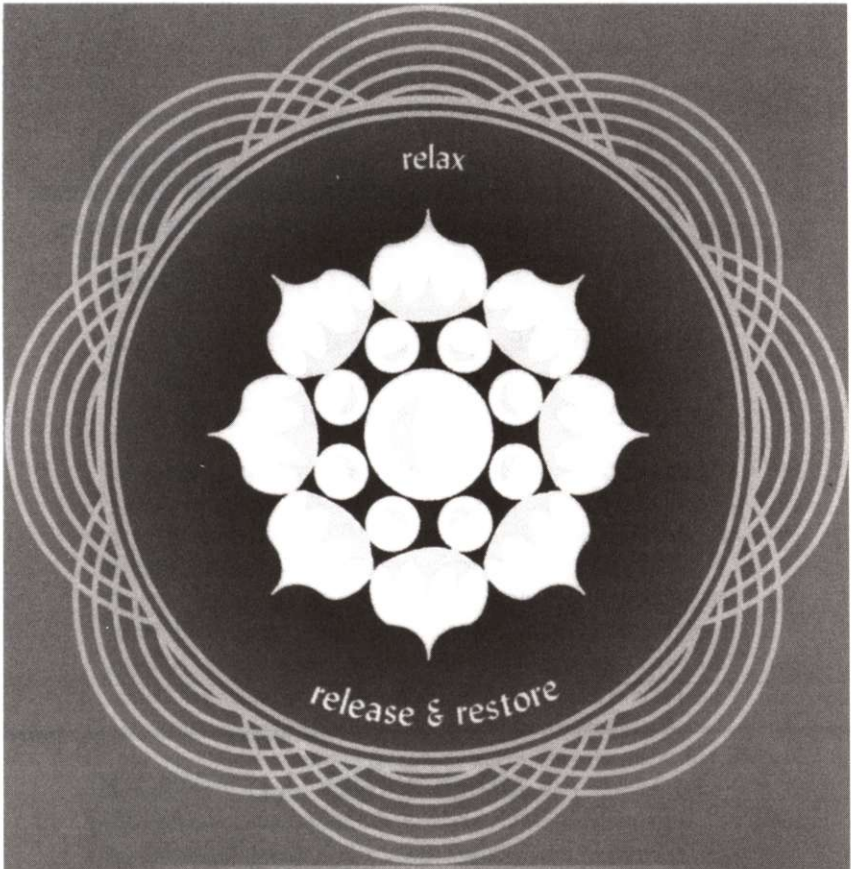

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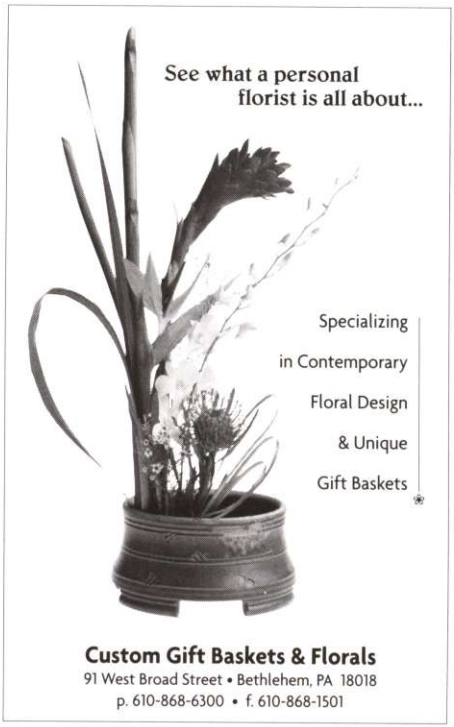

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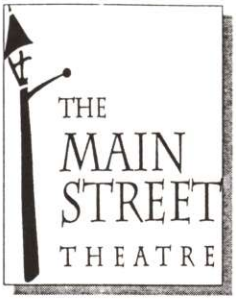

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